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ORTMARK HAS PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FOR PRESIDENT CARTER IN EVENT INTERVIEW POSSIBLE. QUESTIONS FOCUS MORE ON ECONOMY AND ENERGY THAN ON BROADER ENVIRONMENT SUBJECT AND POST IS SO ADVISING ORTMARK. HE INDICATES THAT QUESTIONS ARE CERTAINLY NEGOTIABLE.

1) "END OF CAPITALISM" -- FUTURE OF MANKIND

A. MANY WESTERN EUROPEANS BELIEVE THAT THE WESTERN-TYPE MIXED ECONOMY WILL NOT SURVIVE. MUCH MORE CENTRAL PLANNING IS NECESSARY TO COPE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND TO SOLVE GLOBAL SURVIVAL PROBLEMS. WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

B. ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL CATASTROPHES THREATEN MANKIND. THE GLOBAL 2000 STUDY, FOR EXAMPLE, POINTS OUT THAT PER CAPITAL GNP IS PROJECTED TO DECLINE IN SOME AFRICAN AND ASIAN REGIONS. HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE THE US ROLE IN THE SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS?

C. WHAT CAN THE US DO TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND  
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DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS FACED WITH GRAVE PROBLEMS? WHAT ARE THE PLANS? HOW COULD VISIONS AND WISHES BE TRANS- LATED INTO CONCRETE ACTIONS?

2) NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

A. WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER TO WESTERN EUROPEANS WHO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO RELY MUCH MORE ON NUCLEAR

POWER BECAUSE OF THE GROWING ENERGY NEEDS OF THE WORLD?

B. IN SPITE OF ALL HESITATION AND FEAR, THERE SEEMS TO BE AN INCREASING DEPENDENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY. NEW REACTORS ARE TAKEN INTO USE (AS IN AUSTRIA AND SWEDEN), REPROCESSING FACILITIES ARE EXPANDED (AS IN ENGLAND AND FRANCE) ETC. IS IT REALISTIC TO ASSUME THAT THE US WILL FOLLOW THE SAME PATH?

C) THE SOVIET UNION SEEMS TO RELY MORE AND MORE ON NUCLEAR POWER, INCLUDING BREEDERS. WILL THIS FORCE WESTERN EUROPE AND THE US TO DO THE SAME?

D. SOME DEVELOPING NATIONS WANT NUCLEAR ENERGY TO DEVELOP THEIR ECONOMIES. IF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES DO NOT WANT TO OR ARE PREVENTED FROM HELPING THEM IN THIS FIELD, WHAT OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM?

E. WILL TECHNOLOGY ADVANCE TO THE POINT WHERE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE PRESENT RESTRICTIVE POLICIES IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD, E.G. IN CONNECTION WITH BREEDERS, RE-PROCESSING AND STORAGE OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE?

### 3) OTHER ENERGY QUESTIONS

A. ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY THE US COULD FORM A "SOLAR SOCIETY" (MORE THAN 25 PERCENT OF ENERGY NEEDS FROM SOLAR AND OTHER RENEWABLE SOURCES BY 2000). HOWEVER, THIS REQUIRES COMMITMENT TO THAT GOAL AND TO SERIOUS ENERGY CONSERVATION.

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WILL CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SUPPORT SUCH A POLICY?

B. MANY PEOPLE IN WESTERN EUROPE ARE WORRIED BY THE CONTINUED LARGE IMPORT OF OIL INTO THE US, BECAUSE WESTERN EUROPE WOULD BE SEVERELY HIT BY A NEW OIL CRISES. WHAT ARE YOUR COMMENTS TO SUCH FEARS IN EUROPE?

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